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For: **FACILITATING THE NEGOTIATION OF
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COLLABORATION BETWEEN
TRADING PARTNERS**

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§ Art Unit: 3694
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§ Confirmation No.: 3043
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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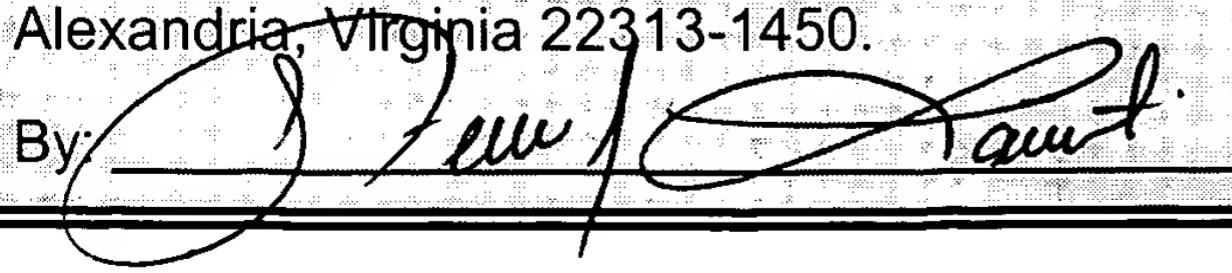
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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 28 December 2006, which provides for a one-month response period ending 29 January 2007 (since 28 January 2007 is a Sunday). Please consider the following election and remarks.

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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE:

The Restriction Requirement alleges that the subject Application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- I. Claims 1-31 disclose a system that comprises a set of meta-model elements, which receive an indication that enterprises wish to negotiate, provides access to the set, receive selections of meta-model elements to incorporate into a negotiated metamodel, and facilitate negotiation of selected meta-model elements;
- II. Claim 32 discloses communicating the customized negotiated meta-model to collaboration software of the enterprises to enable collaborations between the enterprises according to the private standard for collaborations reflected in the customized negotiated meta-model, that collaboration software operable to understand and collaborate according to the customized negotiated meta-model automatically and independent of modification to the collaboration software subsequent to negotiation of the customized negotiated meta-mode; and
- III. Claims 33-50 disclose collaboration software that is used to understand the semantics of the negotiated meta-model and automatically collaborate with the other enterprises according to the standard for collaborations reflected in the negotiated meta-model received at the collaboration software.

The Applicants elect, with traverse, to pursue Group I. Group I is directed to a system that comprises a set of meta-model elements, which receive an indication that enterprises wish to negotiate, provides access to the set, receive selections of meta-model elements to incorporate into a negotiated metamodel, and facilitate negotiation of selected meta-model elements. The Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing election is not acquiescence in the propriety of the restriction or in the accuracy in the determination and/or identification of the alleged “unrelated inventions” in the subject Application. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement as set forth below, as the Requirement is improper.

The Applicants elect, with traverse to pursue Claims 1-31 (which are directed to a single species). The Applicants reiterate that the foregoing election is not an

acquiescence in the propriety of the restriction or in the accuracy in the determination and/or identification of an alleged “species” in the subject Application. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement as set forth below, as the Requirement is improper.